

RAMSEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

OUR MISSION

At Ramsey Middle School we are committed to providing a premier middle school education through intellectual learning experiences that foster inquiry and cooperative learning. We are a strong school partnered with a strong community to develop lifelong learners who thrive in today's rapidly changing society.

OUR VISION

We at Ramsey strive to be an exemplary school by:

- Being an active learning environment where students and staff are engaged with high standards to achieve future goals.
- Creating a safe, multicultural environment where students and staff can grow, become responsible citizens, and create positive relationships.
- Providing a varied program that supports the diversity in our students and staff, and implementing a curriculum that is needed for future success (AVID, IB-MYP, Special Education, English Language Learners, Fine Arts, and Extra Curricular Activities).

The aim of all IB programmes is to develop internationally minded people, who recognize their common humanity and shared guardianship of the planet, help to create a better and more peaceful world.

As IB learners we strive to be...

INQUIRERS: We nurture our curiosity, developing skills for inquiry and research. We know how to learn independently and with others. We learn with enthusiasm and sustain our love for learning throughout our life

KNOWLEDGEABLE: We develop and use conceptual understanding, exploring knowledge across a range of disciplines. We engage with

issues and ideas that have local and global significance.

THINKERS: We use critical and creative thinking skills to analyze and take responsible actions on complex problems. We exercise initiative in making reasoned, ethical decisions.

COMMUNICATORS: We express ourselves confidently and creatively in more than one language and in many ways. We collaborate effectively, listening carefully to the perspectives of other individuals and groups

PRINCIPLED: We act with integrity and honesty, with a strong sense of fairness and justice, and with respect for the dignity and right of people everywhere. We take responsibility for our actions and their consequences.

OPEN-MINDED: We critically appreciate our own cultures and personal histories, as well as the values and traditions of others. We seek and evaluate a range of points of view, and we are willing to grow from the experience

CARING: We show empathy, compassion and respect. We have a commitment to service and we act to make a positive difference in the lives of others and in the world around us.

RISK-TAKERS: We approach uncertainty with forethought and determination, working independently and cooperatively to explore new ideas and innovative strategies. We are resourceful and resilient in the face of challenges and change.

BALANCED: We understand the importance of balancing different aspects of our lives--- intellectual, physical and emotional--- to achieve well-being for ourselves and others. We recognize our interdependence with other people and with the world in which we live.

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REFLECTIVE: We thoughtfully consider the world and our own ideas and experience. We work to understand our strengths and weakness in order to support our learning and personal developments.

LUNCH C: 11:51-12:16

Period 6: 12:18-1:07

Period 7: 1:11-2:00

7th Grade Foundations during period 2

8th Grade Foundations during period 1

2015-2016 BELL SCHEDULE

6th GRADE

Period 1: 7:25-8:19

Period 2: 8:23-9:12

Period 3: 9:16-10:05

LUNCH A: 10:05-10:30

Period 4: 10:32-11:21

Period 5: 11:25-12:14

Period 6: 12:18-1:07

*Period 7: 1:11-2:00

6th Grade Foundations during period 7

7/8th GRADE

*Period 1: 7:25-8:19

*Period 2: 8:23-9:12

Period 3: 9:16-10:05

Period 4: 10:09-10:58

LUNCH B: 10:58-11:23

Period 5: 11:25-12:14

Period 6: 12:18-1:07

Period 7: 1:11-2:00

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ATTENDANCE

Be There To Be Successful: Regular attendance is vital in the educational process. Participation in class, continuity of education and learning experiences are directly affected by a student's attendance. To ensure academic success, students must attend school each and every day. Students should report to class daily from 7:25am to 2:00pm.

Absences: For students who are unable to attend school due to illness, medical/dental appointments and/or family emergencies, please call the Ramsey School Office at **651-293-8860** to report an absence.

Invalid Absences/Excuses:

- Missing the bus
- Travel
- Not wanting to attend school
- Overslept/too tired for school
- Needed at home

Arriving Early: Students should NOT arrive to school prior to 7:00 a.m. School staff are not available to provide supervision prior to 7:00 a.m.

Arriving Late: Students should be in their classrooms and seated by 7:25 a.m. Students arriving late to school must report to the school office where a tardy pass will be issued for the student to enter class.

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Backpacks

Backpacks can be used to carry belongings to and from school. During the school day backpacks, bags, and/or purses must be stored in student lockers and will not be allowed in classrooms, gym or cafeteria.

Bullying Policy

A safe school environment is needed for students to learn and attain high academic standards and to promote healthy relationships.

At **Ramey Middle School**, we believe that bullying, harassment and/or intimidation are very serious and will not be tolerated. Bullying is defined as *any* means of written, electronic, or verbal expression, physical act or gesture, or pattern thereof, by a student that is intended to cause or is perceived as causing distress, which interferes with another students' performance in school.

To Report an Incident of bullying, harassment and/or intimidation students are encouraged to complete a *Bullying Report Form*. This form is used to report incidents that occurred on school property, at school-sponsored events or activities, on a school bus or on the way to/from school, during the current school year. All forms will be reviewed and investigated accordingly.

Dress Code

Student clothing should not present a danger to student's health or safety, interfere with learning or create classroom distractions. Students should wear school appropriate, properly fitting clothing to school. The following items may not be worn to school:

- Clothing with profanity and/or inappropriate slogans/images
- Revealing clothing such as halter- tops, half shirt, spaghetti straps, short shorts/skorts/dresses or skirts Coats, jackets, hats, caps, hoods/hoodies gloves, or bandanas
- *Head/hair covering for religious purposes will be allowed.*

*Students who fail to comply with the schools dress code policy will be given an opportunity to correct the matter. Refusals and repeats offenses may result in parent contact and/or other consequences.

Electronics Policy

Ramsey Middle School requests that student use of personal electronics (i.e. cell phones, cameras, tablets, iPods, headphones and other electronic equipment) be limited to before and after school. During times of acceptable us at school, earbuds/headphones are required. During the school day, electronic equipment must be stored away. **Students who choose to bring personal electronic devices to school, do so at their own risk. Ramsey Middle School will not be responsible for damaged, lost, missing or stolen items.** Students caught using non-school approved electronics will be asked to put them away. Students who refuse or have repeat violations may be subject to consequences as follows:

1st Offense: Confiscation of device, returned at the end of the day

2nd Offense: Confiscation of device, returned at the end of the week

3rd Offense: Confiscation of device, parent will need to pick it up from school

4th Offense: Confiscation of device, placed in the "June Box", returned at the end of the school year

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Tardy Policy

Students are expected to arrive on time to each of their classes daily.

1st Tardy - hour after school detention

2nd Tardy - Saturday school

3rd Tardy - EIP

Food Policy

In an effort to improve the health of our students and to model the behavior we would like to see, Ramsey Middle School has implemented a NO JUNK FOOD policy. Students must refrain from bringing junk food of any kind to school, including but not limited to sugary juice drinks, pop/soda, chips, hot cheetos, takis, candy, cookies, energy drinks and etc. School staff will model this behavior by promoting healthy food choices and offering student reminders as needed. Students found to be in possession of such items will be required to throw it away.